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Doar Mr. Stovens:

Enclosed herewith are some observations made by Mr. John F. Mazionic, of this office, concerning the formation of the Lithunian Delegation to the ACTU nearting at Stratbourg. Some pertinent remarks concerning this matter were transmitted on page 2, under the heading "ACEN", of the enclosure to my letter of February 2, 1956.

Sincerely,

John E. Hornor First Secretary of Embassy

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Observations, as stated.

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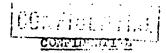
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Information has been received that in. Vaclovas SIDUIMAGNAS of the Lithuanian Section of PRO has approached both in. Starys ANYMANA, of the Lithuanian Resistance Alliance, and in. Starys LOUCHAITIS, Chief of the Lithuanian Diplomatic Service, concerning the formation of the Lithuanian Belegation to the AULI Conference at Strasbourg, scheduled to take place in the middle of April.

It might be pointed out right away that Mr. Sidzikuskus does not enjoy the confidence of many Lithuanians in Europe, neither for that matter in the United States. Come of the reasons are: 1) His uncovery past (thrown out of the Lithuanian Foreign Service for taking bribes); 2) Ambigous political dealings with different groups to further the interests of his 3-10 member Unkining Portile; Makes committeents which he knows he will not be able to most, especially when he is contacting people for forming a Lithuanian Delegation for the ACEH secrious. His statements and assurances must always he taken with a good pinch of salt. Apparently, he is not the best choice in the world to carry out the assignment of forming the Lithuanian delegation to the ACEH.

In his approach to Hr. Symantas, Hr. Sidrikmusime offered Mr. Symantas the post of observer for the entgre Liberals. Mr. Symantas, who treats Mr. Sidrikmusims with the ubmost caution and suspicion, wrote a letter to the latter on March 3, 1956, of which the following is a translation of the pertinent part:

"I have not received a raply from you concerning the question I brought up about the formation of the European part of the Lithuanian Delegation to the ACEN section in April. I suggested that this part of the delegation be formed on a wider basis and should include al. those Lithuanian groups that have political contacts in Europe and participate in international and national activities (Committee of Exiles - London -), Liberal International, Lithuanian European Communities and the Lithuanian Independence Alliance (Lichuanian Depriklausomybes Talka). It is my proposal that the Lithuanian Delegation to the ACEN session at Straebourg include:

- "1) Promos MUDE, Provident of the Lithuanian Community in Cormany and Decretary of the Auropean Lithuanian Community;
- "2) Karolis DRUNGA, Lithuanian rosistant, par

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"3) Stanys ZYMMTAS, Hamber of Committee Page Representatives (London) and of the Althurian Resistance Alliance.

"It would also be more appropriate that I be a member of the Lithuanian Delegation and not just represent the Committee of Liberal Exiles, where to recombative would only be an observer. In any case it would be the affair of that Committee and not of the Indianance.

"Excuse me for writing so frankly on this matter, but this is not a matter of some particular could be that of efficiency and usefulness in the combactual Lithundans on such an important organization as the LCM. On the other hand, we spoke on the same limit outing your last visit to London."

As may be seen from the above, No. I promise makes a definite proposition concerning the formation of ant of the European Cretion of the ACTH Lithurnian Delegation. No. Learnable, the Chief of the Lithuanian Diplomatic analysis, considers that unless the Lithuanian Delegation is formed from a mider strate of Eithuanian organizations, other than VEIL, the delegation will again be formed of incompotent "stage authors" as it was in the past. Mr. Learnable does not feel that the Lithuanian diplomate should been a involved in the collideral equipher and liquides that are reging around VIIK or been a in day may accordined with them. Unless such changes are made, he does not feel that the limited to delegate any Lithuanian diplomat, not blood to such as chairman for such delegation.

Inder the existing circumstance, it would seem most proper for the Chief of the Lithundan Diplocation dervice to form the European decision of the ACEN Lithuanian Daplocation and independently of the dervices of Nr. Eddermashue, who could be retained on the U.S. Lection of the Delegation. It would add to the prestige of the whole delegation if Mr. London the could be induced to accept the chirmschip and raise theory the standards and authority of the statements made by the delegation as a whole. Any change from the pitiful error that Addainanches three together last year would be an imprevement. On the other hand, the inclusion of such incompetents as the ACEN Session.

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